TOWN OF CALLAHAN, Florida ORDINANCE No: 2023-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN TO AMEND CHAPTER 190-7 OF THE TOWN CODE BY RAISING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES BY A 5% ANNUAL INCREASE AND/OR THE CPI RATE WHICHEVER IS GREATER WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2024, FOR ALL USERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Callahan finds that its water and wastewater rates are insufficient to cover the cost of providing water and wastewater services and maintaining the water and wastewater facilities; and

WHEREAS, by raising the annual rates for the water and wastewater by 5% and/or the CPI rate whichever is greater, The Town of Callahan will be able to continue to properly fund the water and wastewater facilities and services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 190-7 of the code of the Town of Callahan is hereby amended as follows:

The rate schedule shall be as follows:

A. Residential, commercial and nonprofit users.

(1) For residential users within the corporate limits: Type Rate

Water First 3,000 gallons \$14.21 \$14.92-per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month \$3.43 \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater First 3,000 gallons \$14.92 \$15.67 per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month \$4.04 \$4.24 per 1,000 gallons. of water used

(2) For residential users outside the corporate limits: Type Rate

Water First 3,000 gallons $\frac{$18.84}{19.78}$ per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month $\frac{$4.64}{4.87}$ per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater First 3,000 gallons \$19.78 \$20.74 per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month \$5.46 \$5.73 per 1,000 gallons. of water used

(3) For commercial and nonprofit users within the corporate limits: Type Rate

Water First 3,000 gallons \$18.61 \$19.54 per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month \$3.68 \$3.86 per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater First 3,000 gallons \$19.54 - \$20.52 per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month $$5 \cdot 5.25$ -per 1,000 gallons. of water used.

(3) For commercial and nonprofit users outside of the corporate limits: Type Rate

Water First 3,000 gallons $\frac{24.77}{26.01}$ per month/minimum. All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month $\frac{4.97}{20.01}$ per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater First 3,000 gallons \$26.01 27.31 per month/minimum All usage over 3,000 gallons in a month 6.75 7.08 per 1,000 gallons. of water used

- **B. Nassau County School District.** The Nassau County School District shall be charged a fee of \$1.62 per student each month for water and wastewater service as determined by the number of such persons certified by the Superintendent.
- C. Industrial users will be charged rates for commercial users for up to 1,000,000 gallons of usage per month.

Industrial users that exceed 1,000,000 gallons of usage per month may petition the Town Council for a contracted rate, to be approved by resolution.

D. Annual Rates.

The water and wastewater rates will raise annually by 5% and/or by the CPI Rate whichever is greater with an effective date of October 1, 2024, for all users.

Section 2. Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance or any portion, thereof, any paragraph, sentence or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2024, which is the beginning of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and annually thereafter.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF September, 2023.

ATTEST:

Shawna Gugliuzza, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA

Ken Bass, Council President

APPROVED:

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